



***Emerging Issues Subcommittee***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
***January 8, 2009***

**Summary**

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Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members in Attendance (10):

Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics)  
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Officer Bobbie Moreland (Phoenix Police Department)  
Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)  
Meena Shahi (First Things First)  
Michelle Neitch, proxy for Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
David Choate, Co-Chair (Arizona State University, Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network)  
Christina Cutshaw (University of Arizona)—via conference call  
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)—via conference call  
Judith Fritsch (Department of Economic Security, Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices)

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members Absent (4):

Joan McNamara (Pima County/Tucson Commission on Drug Addiction and Prevention, Compass Health Care)  
Wanda LeClere MacDonald (Navajo Behavioral Health Services, Navajo Nation)  
Dennis Embry, Chair (PAXIS Institute)  
Alida Montiel (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)

Governor's Office Staff (1):

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF)

Public (1):

Joshua Brisbane (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Statistical Analysis Center Intern)



**Call to Order** was made by David Choate at 1:06 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- David Choate asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

**Announcements**

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the members of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee that due to the unavailability of the conference call line after 2:00 p.m., today's meeting will have to adjourn in one hour.
- Michelle Neitch informed the group that the full Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) statewide report is now available on the ACJC website.
- Officer Bobbie Moreland informed the group members that she was given permission to survey the SROs in the Maryvale Precinct.

**Update on Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group**

- Jeanne Blackburn updated the group on the work of Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group, which included:
  - the completion of the Snapshot document;
  - and the Epi Work Group's discussion of the upcoming 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile.

**Spotlight Projects: Children's Bipolar Disorder and Rx Drug Abuse; Focus Group Results; Canary Survey**

- David Choate finished editing the Rx Drug Spotlight report.
  - Members reviewed and made editorial and substantive change suggestions at the meeting.
    - David Choate indicated to the group that further changes and edits should be sent directly to him and he will incorporate them and present the report to the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group at their next meeting.
- The Co-Occurring Disorders Spotlight report was discussed.
  - The group discussed the theme and indicators of interest in this report.
    - The group decided that the focus will be a longitudinal examination of the rates of co-occurring disorders among the juvenile general population (as opposed to the prevalence of co-occurring disorders among the detained juvenile population).



- Data from the following people that inform this theme should be sent to Jeanne Blackburn for compilation by an ad-hoc group composed of Subcommittee members who will be responsible for completing the work on the report:
  - AYS data will be submitted by Michelle Neitch.
  - David Choate will contribute AARIN data.
  - Michelle Anderson will contribute data from ADJC.
  - Jeanne Blackburn will attempt to obtain data from Melissa Thomas from ADHS, DBHS.
  - Jeanne Blackburn will inquire as to the availability of a report that was mentioned by a group member as a study that was recently conducted by ADHS, DBHS on the top three diagnoses of youth aged 16 and younger for use in this Spotlight.
- The group decided to table the Focus Group Results Spotlight report until they have had time to examine the permission slip signed by the parents of the participants.
  - Jeanne Blackburn will follow up with ADHS, DBHS on the content of the permission slip.
- Future focus groups with potentially vulnerable populations will be conducted after a review of the study by an Institutional Review Board (IRB).

#### **Lifepath Project: Additional Monetary Data**

- Data from DES will be brought to the February meeting of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee for discussion by the group and inclusion in the Lifepath Project.

#### **Call to Public**

- No one from the public provided any comment.

**Adjourn** at 2:00 p.m. by David Choate.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF).